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ARRANGEMENTS

REF: (A) STATE 39950, (B) 047395, (C) TUNIS 1269,
(D) 1366, (E) 1538, AND (F) STATE 052161.

1. STATE 47395 INFORMED EMBASSY THAT LABOR DEPT.
WILL PROVIDE ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT ONE WEEK PRIOR
TO CONFERENCE AND THAT MESSAGE ON ADMINISTRATIVE ASPECTS
WILL FOLLOW. THAT WAS TWO WEEKS AGO. NO SUCH MESSAGE
HAS ARRIVED. MEANWHILE, ADMINISTRATIVE QUESTIONS ARE
ARISING FOR WHICH WE HAVE NO ANSWERS. WE WANT TO HELP
BUT WE NEED TO KNOW TERMS OF REFERENCE. SOME QUESTIONS
SHOULD NOT WAIT FOR ARRIVAL OF ADVANCE TEAM.

2. TRANSPORTATION - EMBASSY'S CAPABILITY WAS EXPLAINED
TUNIS 1538. DOES DEPT. PLAN ON RENTING VEHICLES? IF
SO, WE SHOULD BE RESERVING THEM NOW.

3. TRAVEL - WAS THE FUND CITATION FOR CONFERENCE ON
SPECIAL FOREIGN CURRENCY APPROPRIATION ONLY? IF SO,
HOW WILL TICKETING BE HANDLED FOR THOSE PARTICIPANTS
WHOSE COUNTRY WILL NOT HONOR TUNISIAN DINAR TICKETS
(SEE JOHANNESBURG 0258)? WE NOTICE NUMEROUS MESSAGES
DIRECTED TO DEPT. INQUIRING ABOUT TICKETS; IS DEPT.
REPLYING TO THESE?

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4. HOTEL RESERVATION S- AS NOTED TUNIS 1366 WE ARE

NOW HOLDING 60 DOUBLES, 6 VIP SUITES AND CONFERENCE

CONTROL ROOM FROM APRIL 21-27. WE ARE ALSO GETTING REQUESTS FROM INDIVIDUALS FOR DIFFERENT TIMING. WE CAN AND WILL TAKE CARE OF THESE REQUESTS AS THEY COME WITHIN FRAMEWOYK OF RESERVATIONS WE HAVE ALREADY MADE. TUNIS, HOWEVER, IS TOURIST TOWN. WT CAN ANTICIPATE PRESSURES FOR RELEASING SOME OF THOSE ROOMS. INDEED WE SHALL WANT TO DO SO IF DEPT. DOESN'T NEED ALL OF THEM FOR OTHERWISE YOU WILL BE CHARGED FOR THEM IF THEY ARE NOT USED. THE MORE THIS CAN BE DONE BEFORE ADVANCE GROUP ARRIVES, THE HAPPIER RELATIONS WITH TUNIS HILTON WILL BE. IF ANY ADDITIONAL ROOMS ARE REQUIRED WE MUST KNOW IMMEDIATELY. IF SINGLES ARE DESIRED IN PLACE OF DOUBLES, THEY MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE AT LAST MINUTE.

5. SUPPLIES - IS CONFERENCE PROVIDING ITS OWN SUPPLIES? DO YOU WANT US TO PROVIDE THEM ? DO YOU HAVE FUNDS FOR THIS PURPOSE? WILL FILMS BE SHOWN AND, IF SO, WHAT MILLIMETER?

6. REPRESENTATION REQUIREMENTS - ARE THERE ANY? DO YOU WANT US TO ORGANIZE ANYTHING? IF SO, DO YOU HAVE FUPDS? (AMBASSADOR IS PLANNING A RECEPTION FOR CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS.) ARRANGEMENTS SHOULD BE STARTED BEFORE ADVANCE PARTY ARRIVES.

7. MISC - DO ADVANCE ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL WISH US TO RENT AUTOS FOR THEM? FOR TICKETING PURPOSES, WHAT ARE THEIR NAMES AND ETA?
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